



NEWSLETTER

Friday, 2nd October 2026

CLASS FOCUS



For the school topic this half term — Into the Forest , the Drum class story is called ‘Little Acorn’ and the young students are having fun exploring sensory props to experience the life cycle of an acorn. CJ loves the real acorns and Tiger thought watching the soft toy acorn get wet in the water spray rain was very funny! Jack meanwhile loves the white paper snow falling.

In the class ‘The World’ sessions they have looked at what might be found in the forest, exploring leaves, acorns, conkers and pine cones. Matteo and Ace both loved the pine cones but weren’t so keen on using them to paint with!

The children are now exploring what sort of clothes might be worn to the forest and have had fun with welly boots, hats and scarves. Yuvan particularly enjoyed using the mirror admiring his outfit to look at himself as leaves fell on him.

All the children are having a go at matching pictures or symbols related to the forest, i.e. clothes worn in the forest and the class story. Coraesmae looks really closely at the symbols she is given.



In art, forest items have been used to print with in different ways. They have tried rolling them, shaking them and making stampers with them.

In music, Mark has been bringing his famous mirror guitar as well as a selection of percussion instruments. The students have taken turns to strum on Mark's guitar and have all chosen instruments to play along to favourite nursery rhymes and songs. Noah loves exploring the different instruments and very quickly got the hang of how to best use a triangle after a little bit of modelling.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE...

Abel, Chimes	12 yrs old
Jorge, Victorious	19 yrs old
Nev, Harp	13 yrs old
Kieran, Oboe	18 yrs old!



BIRTHDAYS BEING CELEBRATED THIS WEEKEND ARE...

Órlaith, Tambourine	7 yrs old
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We have had the pleasure of welcoming two more lunchtime assistants to the school this week. They are:



Terri Carling

Marie Cousins



We hope they have enjoyed their first week working here, getting to grips with the differing abilities of our students. The children have certainly enjoyed getting to know them.

FOREST TRIP

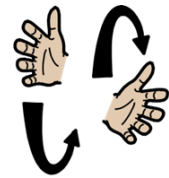
The trip to Alice Holt Forest by Harp and Cello classes was a great success on Tuesday. The students walked approximately 2 km along an easy-access, wheelchair-friendly trail, where they enjoyed observing a variety of plants and trees. During their walk through the pine woodland, they spotted several animal habitats and observed some fascinating minibeasts. The students were also lucky enough to see a grey squirrel and a robin. The children thoroughly enjoyed eating their packed lunches in the woods and finished the day with some playtime in the park before heading back. It was a lovely warm sunny day to be outdoors, which was appreciated by everyone.



ALICE HOLT FOREST



SIGNS OF THE WEEK



sing	dance	loud	quiet
	Hands make alternate outward movement, twisting at wrist Direct towards appropriate people		
quiet (sound)	take turns		again

AUTUMN TERM 2026-27



OCTOBER

- 12th FE Community Action week
- 13th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 13th The Living Rain Forest trip (Cello)
- 15th Andover Careers Fair (FE)
- 20th Blackwood Forest trip (Harp)
- 21st Parent Group Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)
- 22nd Parents' Evening

26th-30th **HALF TERM**

NOVEMBER

- 2nd **Inset Day (Glusto & Victorious students only)**
- 18th Cinema trip (FE)
- 18th Parent Group Coffee Afternoon (1.30pm)
- 20th Children in Need
- 23rd School photographer (FE building only) morning
- 24th School photographer (Main school)
- 27th Hampshire Music Special Event, Winchester (Rehearsal)

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award

Chimes	- Olly
Drum	- Matteo
Maracas	- Charlotte
Tambourine	- Jesse
Triangle	- Akosua
Trumpet	- Freya
Oboe	- Mikey
Banjo	- Jake
Harp	- Jack H
Cello	- Destiny



The School Superstar of the Week is ... **DESTINY!!**

Destiny is a happy, kind, helpful, and caring young lady who comes into school each day with a smile on her face and is always keen to greet her friends. She is very nurturing by nature and enjoys helping others. Destiny loves art, colouring, and drawing, and she is becoming more confident every day in her learning and social interactions. She has started leading reflection sessions at the end of the day, using prompts to ask her peers what they enjoyed most about the day. She enjoys going for walks with her mum and likes spending time outdoors.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(*Personal, Physical, Independence,*

CHAMPIONS



William
and
Summer

